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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3---- Cranberries are a Best Buy this week, along with Imperial Valley and Arizona grapefruit, limes, and Newtown apples from Santa Cruz county.

Comice pears from Santa Clara Valley and loose-pack dates from the Coachella Valley remain Good Buys.

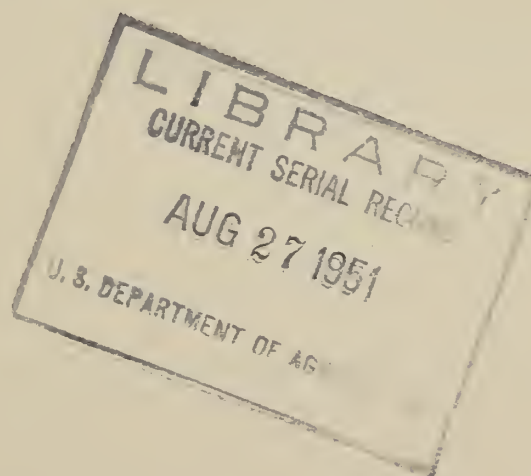
And large-sized Navel oranges are still a Fair Buy.

This week's Best Buys in vegetables are cauliflower, cabbage, and parsnips.

Good Buys include celery, spinach, and Banana and Hubbard squash.

In the Fair Buy class are sweetpotatoes, lottuce, and broccoli.

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In the San Francisco wholesale meat market, trading has continued fair to good the past week. Volume of slaughter was about 20 percent below the previous week -- or comparable with Thanksgiving week. Offerings of cow beef, veal and calf carcasses were limited. Lamb has been in little demand. Price changes have been few, including only a \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight drop on beef loins and ribs, a \$1.00 increase on Utility grade mutton, and a \$1.00 per hundredweight advance on fresh hams.

With top grades of butter more than ample for demand, prices have dropped 1-1/2 cents per pound. Grades A&A(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 66 to 68-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. And Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted at 64-1/2 to 66 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Production in the western states is running 15 to 20 percent above a year ago.

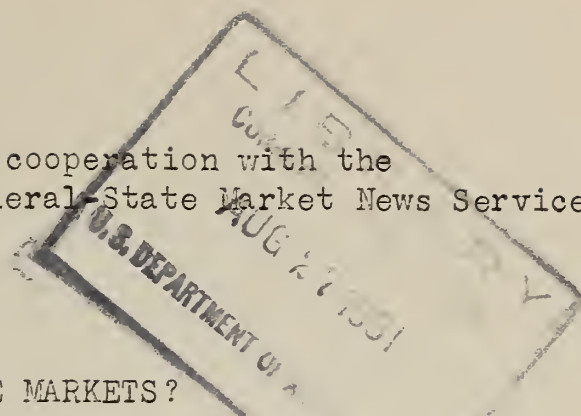
In the egg market, an active demand has kept receipts cleared well at unchanged prices. Grade "A" Large are quoted to retailers at 47 to 48 cents per dozen in cartons, Grade "A" Mediums at 41 to 42 cents, and Grade "A" Smalls at 34 to 36 cents per dozen in cartons.

Supplies of all classes of poultry have been ample for the moderate demand. Prices are little changed, although dressed broilers and fryers have dropped 1-cent per pound, colored hens have advanced 1-cent per pound, and hen turkeys have dropped 2 cents per pound.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10----Best Buys in fruits this week include

Newtown apples and cranberries.

Loose-pack large-sized Navel oranges are a Good Buy, along with limes and loose-pack dates from the Coachella Valley.

As the result of freezing weather in citrus producing areas, grapefruit from the Imperial Valley and Arizona is only a Fair Buy this week, as are Comice pears from the Santa Clara and Sacramento valleys.

Freezing temperatures have been having their effect upon vegetables, too. Brussels sprouts and parsnips may be classed as Best Buys, followed by cauliflower, cabbage, Hubbard and Banana squash as Good Buys.

In the Fair Buy class are spinach, carrots, lettuce, sweetpotatoes, celery, and broccoli.

Generally speaking, demand has been only fair in the San Francisco wholesale meat market the past week. There has been a slightly better demand for lamb and an active demand for fresh pork. Supplies of veal and calf have continued light, while the supply of Canner to Commercial cow carcasses about doubled. Except for a \$2.00 per hundredweight drop on bacon and a decline of 50 cents to \$1.00 per hundredweight on lard, prices are little changed from a week ago.

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In the wholesale butter market, there has been a fairly good demand for all grades. Prices are little changed from a week ago, although Grades A&AA (1st Quality) are quoted to retailers 1-cent higher at 67 to 69-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) is unchanged at 64-1/2 to 66 cents. Western butter production is running around 38 percent above last year.

Egg receipts from near-by producing areas have been lighter because of adverse weather conditions. At the same time, demand has continued good for all grades and sizes. As a result, prices have advanced 1-cent per dozen on Grade "A" Mediums and Grade "A" Smalls, with quotations to retailers at 42 to 43 cents per dozen for Mediums in cartons, and 35 to 37 cents per dozen for Smalls in cartons. Grade "A" Large are unchanged from a week ago at 47 to 48 cents per dozen in cartons.

A continued light, post-holiday demand for poultry in the wholesale market has resulted in a downward price trend. While broilers are up 1-cent per pound from a week ago, all weights of dressed fryers, roasters, Loghorn hens, hen turkeys and tom turkeys are selling 1-cent per pound lower.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended Jan. 20, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 17----Cranberries and Newtown apples from Santa Cruz county head the list as Best Buys this week.

Good Buys include large-sized Navel oranges, Comice and D'Anjou pears from Santa Clara county and the Sacramento Valley, and loose-pack dates from Coachella Valley.

Included in the Fair Buys are limes and grapefruit from the Imperial Valley and Arizona.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin include Brussels sprouts and parsnips, followed by cabbage, cauliflower, and Banana and Hubbard squash as Good Buys.

In the Fairly Good Buy class are broccoli, celery, lettuce, carrots, spinach, sweetpotatoes, artichokes.

While demand has ranged from fair to good in the San Francisco wholesale meat market this past week, there has been a broad demand for veal and calf and an especially good demand for relatively light receipts of fresh pork. Beef slaughter was increased by about 20 percent, but top grades were rather scarce. Prices narrowed somewhat on veal and calf and advanced around \$2.00 per hundredweight on Commercial and Utility grades. Pork loins gained \$1.00 to \$2.00 per hundredweight, while fresh hams and picnics dropped \$2.00 to \$3.00 per hundredweight. Otherwise, prices were unchanged.

Supplies of butter have been rather light in the San Francisco wholesale market the past week -- mostly because of reduced production caused by adverse weather conditions. Under moderately active trading, demand has been best for top grades. Prices are up 1 to 2 cents above a week ago, with Grades A&AA(1st Quality) quoted 1-cent per pound higher to retailers at 68 to 70-1/2 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted 2 cents higher to retailers at 67 to 68 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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Cold, rainy weather has had some effect upon the egg market. Supplies of large eggs have been fully ample for needs, but small-sized eggs have been in comparatively light supply and have advanced 1 cent per dozen, as have medium-sized eggs. Quotations to retailers are: Grade "A" Large 47 to 48 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums, 43 to 44 cents per dozen; and Grade "A" Smalls, 36 to 38 cents per dozen in cartons.

Although heavy rains have curtailed receipts of poultry, supplies of all classes are fully ample for the rather slow demand. Prices are practically unchanged from a week ago. Heavy hens have dropped 1 to 2 cents per pound on dressed weights, while all other classes have held unchanged.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24--- Cranberries and Newtown apples continue as the Best Buys in fruit.

Good Buys include limes and grapefruit from Arizona and the Imperial Valley.

D'Anjou and Comice pears (especially the large sizes) from Santa Clara Valley are a Fair Buy.

Best Buys in vegetables are cauliflower and parsnips.

In the Good Buy class are cabbage, lettuce, artichokes, and Banana and Hubbard squash.

Peppers have dropped in price sufficiently to be a Fair Buy, along with spinach, sweetpotatoes, celery, broccoli, and carrots.

The San Francisco wholesale meat market has been somewhat unsettled this past week because of the closing of more than one hundred retail stores. Offerings of veal, calf, lightweight lamb, and lightweight hams were light. Light beef and pork loins were in fairly good demand, with supplies of Commercial and Good grades of lightweight beef about ample for demand. Prices held unchanged on beef, veal and calf, but advanced \$2.00 per hundredweight on lamb, mutton, pork loins, and pork butts.

Unsettled butter markets have resulted in lower local prices. Grades A&A (1st Quality) have dropped 1-1/2 cents per pound to a quotation to retailers of 66-1/2 to 69 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) butter has dropped 1-cent to a quotation of 66 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. For the week ending Jan. 19, western butter production dropped 4 percent below the previous week, but was still 27 percent larger than a year ago.

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Prices have dropped on Grade "A" Large and Medium eggs to put them more in line with prices in other Pacific Coast markets. Grade "A" Large are quoted 5 cents lower to retailers at 44 to 45 cents per dozen in cartons; Grade "A" Mediums are quoted down 3 cents at 43 to 44 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Smalls have advanced 2 cents to a quotation to retailers of 38 to 40 cents per dozen in cartons. Although adverse weather has held back deliveries of eggs to some extent, production remains high -- about 25 percent above last year.

An improved demand for dressed poultry has resulted in a price advance of 2 cents per pound on large fryers and roasters. Turkey hens have continued in rather slow demand and have dropped 3 to 4 cents per pound since a week ago. All other classes remain unchanged in price.

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